



City of Champions

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Brockton Mayor's Youth Council seeks new members

Young people ages 13-21 urged to apply

BROCKTON – Mayor Linda M. Balzotti announces that the Brockton Youth Council is currently seeking applications for new members.

“We’re looking for energetic young people to take part in the council and bring their ideas and concerns about the community forward,” said Mayor Balzotti. “The Youth Council also offers an opportunity for young people to gain leadership skills and participate in service projects that help our entire city like the Anti-Violence Campaign that began last fall.”

Reorganized in 2010 by Mayor Balzotti to ensure Brockton youth have a voice in the city, the goal of the council is to provide teens with a forum to bring issues from their peers to the Mayor’s attention and work to create solutions to the problems youth face as well as to focus and follow up on the solutions developed during the annual Mayor’s Youth Summit.

The Youth Council is supervised by Youth Development Fellow Yves Singletary. Singletary began a year of service with the City of Brockton through the Americorps Massachusetts Promise Fellowship in August of this year. The Mayor’s Office has partnered with Mass Promise since 1999.

“I would like to see a diverse group of leaders from all ages and backgrounds come together that are committed to community service and helping the City of Brockton,” Singletary said.

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Now in its second year, the Youth Council is moving forward with their anti-violence campaign, participating in service projects, providing enrichment opportunities for other youth, producing a television show, and developing leadership and professional skills.

“Being on the council is one of the greatest experiences,” said Chidera Onyeoziri, 16. “You get to meet inspiring, hardworking peers who become your coworkers and eventually your friends. There is almost always an air of happiness and collaboration, having your ideas implemented is an amazing feeling.”

Applications for the Youth Council are available online on the city’s web site www.brockton.ma.us. The deadline to fill out an application is Monday, Oct. 10th.

Interviews for prospective Youth Council members will be held the week of October 24th.

For more information about the Youth Council, call (508) 897-6821.

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